WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1888.

BISMARCK'S GREAT SPEECH FAVORABLY DISCUSSED IN ENGLISH POLITICAL CIRCLES.

The Only Weak Point Was the Abandonment of the Defense of Turkey-England Wants the Status Quo Pre-

LONDON, Feb. 7.-Prince Bismarck's speech was volubly discussed in political circles to-day, and on the whole favorably. The weak point is considered to be the abandonment of the defense of Turkey. It is believed that if Lord Salisbury should assist in maintaining the status quo public opinion would support the government.

The Jockey club has ordered Sir George Chetwynd to bring libel suit against Lord Durham because of charges touching the riding of the latter's horses in various

riding of the latter's horses in various races.
Suilivan, who was convicted of boycotting the Curtins, has been discharged on habeas corpus proceedings. The announcement was received with obsers.
Imports increased £3,700,000 in January, and exports £700,000 over those of January, 1887.

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The St. Petersburg Rindomonti says the publication of the Austro-German tresty was an act of political incivility and the treaty itself an act of periddy and ingratitude toward the czar. The Grashdonin says the treaty is offensive as well as defensive, and advises Russia to abstain from all European counter alliances.

In opening the retreat at Tuam to-day Archbishop McEviliy declared he had authority to deny that the pope is opposed to legitimate aspirations of the Irish people. Never had a fouler calumny been invented. The pope had never turned against Ireland.

Chief Adams, of the Italian troops, has had a skirmish with Rasalula's forces, capturing three men and several rifles simifar to those used by the Italians. Six of Rasalula's men were killed.

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PANIS, Feb. 7.—Minister Flourens, who has no seat in the chamber of deputies, will contest one of the Basse Alps diatricts. In an address he says he hopes France will advance in the path of true democracy and liberty, and that peace will be maintained with a regard for national dignity.

Boulanger, who attended the theater last evening, was greeted with cheers and cries evening, was greeted with cheers and cries of "Vive Boulanger!" and "Vive Russe!"
The leading papers, discussing Bismarck's speech, credit him with pacific intentions. His speech has made a favorable impression.

The debate on the naval budget began to-day. Admiral Krantz said that, to have a sufficient force at the government's disposal, it would be necessary to reduce the force in distant seas. Under the budget the Mediterranean force would be increased by two and the channel force by three iron clads The committee on naval estimates agree with Admiral Krantz.

AN AUSTRIAN CRITICISM. BERLIN, Feb. 7.-The Austrian papers

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The Austrian papers unfavorably criticise Bismarck's allusion to Bulgaria. The impression prevails that the speech corroborates the pacific explanation of the publication of the treaty.

The impression of the speech at St. Petersburg is that it will produce a tranquilizing effect.

Telegrams of congratulation bave been sent to Prince Bismarck from all parts of the empire on his speech.

Dr. Mac Kennie has returned to San Remo. The crown prince drove out to-day. The crown prince drove out to day.

To the Austrian reicherath Minister Bacquebem asked for a supplemental credit of 1,980,000 marks to construct a state rail-

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The committee has approved without modification the military loan bill.

The Roumanian elections have resulted in the return of 106 government members, 43 opposition, and 5 independents.

It is said that Spain, Roumania, and Sweden are the countries referred to in Bismerck's speech, with which treaties similar to the Austrian and Italian treaties had been concluded.

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The Vienna correspondence says Bismarch's speech shows that the publication of the Austro-Germany treaty was not the to demand a disarmament of Russia.

THE NORFOLK BURGLARS.

Arrest of Two Suspicious Characters in Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 7.-Two men sup posed to be implicated in the great jewelry and diamond robbery in Norfolk on Satur-day night were arrested in this city to-day. day night were arrested in this city to-day. They were here this forencon in a street car from Manchester, and, after being shadowed and chased by officers of the Richmond police, were captured and locked up. They were recognized as John Ward and Joseph Murray, two men who were arrested here Jan. 20 as suspicious characters while prowling about two of the principal jewelry establishments of the city. They were subsequently released the city. They were subsequently released on bail on condition they should leave the state. A gold watch and about \$40 in money were found on the persons of the two men, but nothing to connect them with the big Norfolk steal. They were much exhausted and bore evidence of having tramped through bushes at night. They are both hard looking customers, not alone in dress but in general appearance. They will be brought before the police court to morrow.

ST. LOUIS IN THE FIELD. A Delegation From the Mound City After the Convention.

St. Louis, Feb. 7 -About fifty leading Demo crais of the city held a meeting yesterday afternoon to select a committee to go to Washington and present the Democratic committee the claims and advantages of St. Louis as the the claims and advantages of St. Louis as the place to hold the next National Convention. Mayor Francis presided, and after considerable discussion a committee of twenty representative citizens, embracing prominent business men. office holders, and hotel proprietors, was appointed with Mayor Francis as chairman. They will leave for Washington in a special car Feb. 16.

POISONED BY FOUL WATER. An Entire Ship's Crew Victims of a Greedy Contractor.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The captain and crew of the ship Standard are all ill, caused by drinking impure water. The ship's tank, which holds 5,000 gallons, was filled a few days ago under a contract which specified that the water was to be taken from the city mains. Instead of this the contractor used dock water, which mingles with that of the fifth from a sewer. The health officers, who were notified, and that 10 per cent. of the water was poisonous. Had the ship gone to sea all hands would have died.

CONSTITUTION CENTENNIAL.

New York State.

New Yors, Feb 7.—The Historical Society here adopted resolutions requesting the gov-ernor and legislature to provide for a proper celebration of the cemennial of the adoption of the federal constitution by New York state on July 26, E. F. Delancy, in an address, said that New York and Virginia were the first colonies to adopt the constitution and laying the _undsiton of the republic, and they should be given due credit for it.

West Virginia After the McCoys. CHARLISTON, W. Va., Feb. 7.—Ex-Representrepresent the state in the habeas corpus proceedings for the return of the nine prisoners of the Hatfield McCoy vendetta from Kentucky.

Senator Sherman Accepts. CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—Senator Sherman has accepted an invitation to speak at the Lincoln day banquet of the Ohio Republican Club, Feb. 15.

PRESIDENT MEANS ARRESTED. Sensational Developments in the Cin-

cinnati Bank Wreck, CINCINNATI, Feb. 7 .- The silence of the tomb prevalls at the Metropolitan Bank this morning. It is located in a newbrowastone structure called the United Banks' building, and occupies the western half at the southeast corner of Third and Walnut. A wide vestibule is used jointly by it and by its neighbor in the eastern half of the building, the Citizens' National Bank. This vestibule, of course, is open this morning, but the door leading from it into the Metropolitan Bank is closed and placarded

but the door leading from it into the Metropolitan Bank is closed and placarded with the announcement that the bank is in the hands of the comptroller of the currency acting through Mr. Sanders, the United States national bank examiner. A few clerks can be seen through the glass in the door, and a single watchman lounges at the door of the sumptuous room of the president. Small groups of people enter the vestibule and look for a moment on the vacated quarters of the great bank, and read therein a lesson of the power of the national government. All connected with the bank say this would not have happened if the government had not caused the arrest of the exvice president. It is true that the arrest moved the other banks to withdraw their offiers of assistance, but it may be that the government acted mercifully in diverting their money from the Metropolitan, for the charge made in the warrant for Mr. De Camp's arrest does not necessarily cover all that may be in possession of the government. More serious charges than certifying to a false statement of the condition of the bank may be brought to the notice of the grand jury, which, by the way, will begin its seesion in a day or two.

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Another sensational feature has been added to the Metropolitan Bank suspension. It is the arrest of Hon. Wm. Means, the president of the bank. The warrant was issued this morning, but was not served in the usual manner out of regard for Mr. Means. District Attorney Burnett notified him after 12 o'clock of the issuance of the writ, and arranged for Mr. Means to go voluntarily with his bondsmen to the commissioner's office at 2 o'clock. With the Fidelity cases fresh in mind and with the proof they gave of the relentless power of the fgovernment where there has been a plain transgression of the law, this arrest causes a decided sensation. Mr. Means has had a leading position among business men for a number of years; has been reputed quite wealthy; served a term as mayor, when he was elected, not by a party vote, but by a combination whose support was a compliment to their candidate. To have a man of such prominence put in peril of imprisonment; causes a profound feeling. There is a fairly well authenticated statement that the examination of the bank's books and papers show a gross violation of the banking law in leans to officers and others connected with the bank very largely in excess of the limit allowed by the law to any one. It is possible that this wrong doing may have been carried to such an extent as to imperil the bank's solvency. At this time it is not thought that other arrests will be made, but of this no one can speak with certainty because there has not been time for a thorough examination of the bank's affairs.

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President Means appeared this afternoon at the office of United States Commissioner Dorger, with Henry Hanna, Patrick E. Roach, and C. M. Holloway, as sureties, and gaye bond for his appearance in the sum of \$20,000. The charge against him in the warrant is the misappropriation of upwards of \$200,000 of the funds of the bank.

TWICE A MOTHER AT TWELVE. A Baby Bride of Thirtsen Descried by Her Second Husband.

WINFIELD, Mo , Feb. 7.—The police of this city were yesterday called upon to deal with the most wonderful case with which they have ever come in contact. Sunday night a girl who looked not older than I years of age was taken up at the union depot. She was given lodging and yesterday afternoon stated to the chief of police that she had been descried by her husband and that she had come to St Joseph to look for him. The police were at first disinclined to believe the girl's story on account of her extreme youth, but it was afterwards learned that she was telling the truth about her lost husband, and that she had been twice marhusband, and that she had been twice married, and was the mother of two children
now deceased, although she is not yet 13
years old, The girl's story is given as reported to the police, and is as follows:
"About two years ago she was married in
Grundy county, Mo., to Robert Patterson, a
boy 17 years of age. She was then 10
years of age, and both of her children were
the result of this marriage. Her husband
died in the meanwhile, and she returned to
her father's home, near Highland Station.
Her father seemed to regard her as a burden, and she was compelled to marry John
Stevenson, a young man of the neighborhood, 33 years of age. The last marriage
occurred about three months ago, and until hood, 33 years of age. The last marriage occurred about three months ago, and until Tuesday last the two lived happily together. On the last mentioned day Stevenson decamped, leaving her without food or fuel. The little she had was sold, and she started in pursuit of her husband. She saw him in Mourd City, but he contrived to elude her, and she started for St. Joseph."

DICK FOX ARRESTED.

Charged With Aiding and Abetting Prize Fighting.

New Yonk, Feb. 7.-Richard K. Fox. proprietor of the Police Gazette, was to-day arrested, charged with aiding and abetting prize fighting. He was arraigued in the Tombs police court, the main charge being the publication of the preciminaries of the Farley-Daviam fight. An adjournment was granted until Tuesday.

A NEW OIL SYNDICATE. The Standard Company to Be Opposed

by a Big Syndicate.

Toleno, Otto, Feb. 7.—It is said that a syndicate of Detroit, New York, Chicago, and Toledo capitalists, with a capital of \$19,999,999, has organized to build a pipe line for oil from the Ohlo fields in Toledo. They claim to own patents which will cheapen the process of refin

Louislana Lottery Drawings New Onleans, Feb. 7.—The following num-bers drew the principal prizes here to-day: 71.575, capital prize, sold in New Orleans. Sau 71,575, capital prize, sold in New Orleans, Sau Francisco, Oakland, and Cameron, Cal. Chicago, Ili., Barsga, and Frankford, Mich., and Michigan City, Ind., 42,412, second prize, 50,00; 64,638, third price, sold in Washington, D. C., New York, New Orleans, Oakland, Cal., Cleveland, Ohlo, Jackson, Mich., Liucola, Ili., Lula, Miss., and Bouneterre, Mo. 15,618, \$10,909, sold in Boston, Mars., San Francisco, and Cairo, Ili.; 25,477, \$10,009, sold in New York, St. Louis, Houston, Tex. Rommey and Denuison, Iowas 6,009, 22,505, 69,609, \$2915, each \$5,000, sold in Washington, D. C., New Orleans, New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, San Diego, Cal., Kansas City, Portland, Me., Freston, Iowa, Sulphur Springs, Ky., Forsythe, Ga., and Union Springs, Ats.

Discovery of a New Asteroid. Boston, Feb. 7.-A cablegram received to day from the European Union of Astronomers announces the discovery of an asteroid (No 272) by Prof. Charlois at Nico. The last observed position was: February, 4d, 6h, 2im, Washington mean time-right ascendon, 10 deg., 1m., 10s, declination, north 10 deg., 2im, 2s, 1ts daily motion is 13 minutes in right ascendon.

Renounced the World. BALTIMORE, Feb. 7.—This morning Misses Annie Rainey and Elizabeth McDermott, of this city, and Miss Mary Seibert, of Ponnaylvania, made profession of final rows at Mount De Sales. Cardinal Gibbons officiating. Miss Ella Quinn, of Pitisburg, received the white veil,

NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE YESTERDAY.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union Want the Internal Revenue Tax on Alcohol Removed-A Number of Bills Reported in Both Branches.

Among the petitions and memorials pre sented and referred were several from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of various states asking for the abolition of internal revenue taxes on all alcoholic liquors; one from New York asking the ap-pointment of a commission to examine into the charges alleged against the Roman Catholic priesthood on account of the practice of auricular confession (referred to the committee on education and labor); one against the construction of the Nicaragua ship canal, and the usual number for prohibition in the District of Columbia.

Among the bill reported from committees and piaced on the calendar were the follow-

For the relief of women enrolled as army

nurses.
To restore pensions in certain cases.
For relief of importers of animals for breeding purposes in certain cases.
Mr. Frye offered a resolution, which was a compared to the committee on com-Mr. Frye offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee on commerce to inquire into the right and expediency of Congress assuming control of the erection of bridges over navigable waters within state limits.

The Senate then, at 12:45, resumed consideration of the resolution to refer the President's massage, and Mr. Platt resumed the speech which he commenced yesterday.

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On motion of Mr. Frye the House bill to
grant an American register to the foreign
built bark Nordst Jerner (now in San Francisco harbor) was taken up.

Mr. Stest favored the measure and suggested that the senator from Maine assist in
the passage of a bill that would give an
American registry to all vessels owned by
American citizens.

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Mr. Frye laid down very clearly the distinctions and differences between the bill before the Senate and the one mentioned by the senator from Missouri.

After considerable colloquy the bill was passed. The Senate then, at 3:15, on motion of Mr. Plumb, proceeded to executive business, and at 4:35 adjourned.

THE HOUSE. The chaplain, in his opening prayer, re-turned thanks to the Almighty for having allowed Speaker Carlisle to return to his

duties in the House. Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition from 190 woolen and worsted mills located in twelve states, and a large num-ber of New York merchants, praying for the passage of the Breekinridge bill classi-fying worsted cloth as woolen cloth. Re-lerred. On motion of Mr. Landes, of Illinois, a

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On motion of Mr. Landes, of Illinois, a resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information showing whether at the date of the act of 1878 fixing the amount of United States notes at the limit issue of \$546,631,000, such amount was actually in existence as circulating medium, and whether any portion of said amount had been at that time lost or destroyed. Also whether since 1878 there has been any loss or destruction of said notes.

Mr. Seney, of Ohlo, from the committee on the judiclary, reported adversely joint resolutions proposing constitutional amendments giving Congress the power to limit the time during which persons may be daily employed in manufactories of textile fabrics and other industries and in relation to the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic liquors. The first of these resolutions was laid upon the table, but the other, at the request of Mr. Parker, of New York, was placed upon the caiendar.

Mr. Belmont, of New York, from the committee on foreign affairs, reported the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Committee of the whole. (It appropriates \$1,405,805.)

Mr. Anderson, of Illinois, from the com-

mittee on postofilees and postroads, reported a bill for the leasing of premises for the use of the Washington city postofilee. Com-mittee of the whole. Also, a bill to provide for a fourth as-istant postmaster general. Committee of the whole.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, from the com mittee on territories, reported a bill to or-garize the territory of Oklahoma. Com-mittee of the whole.

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Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, from the committee on usines and mining, reported a bill for the relief of Wm. McGarrahan.
Private calendar.

Mr. Compton, of Maryland, from the committee on labor, reported a bill to limit the hours of labor of letter carriers. House calendar.

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Mr. Compton, of Maryland, from the committee on District of Columbia, reported the bill to prohibit the making of books or pools upon races in the District of Co'umbia. House calendar.

Mr. Brewer, of Michigan, from the same committee reported the bill for the construction of a bridge across Rock creek at Woodley's lane, District of Columbia. Com-

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Mr. Maish, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on military affairs, reported the bill for the relief of Gen. W. W. Averill. Private calendar.

Mr. Robertson, of Louislana, from the saem committee, reported the bill to dispense with proof of loyalty for bounty for wars prior to 1861. House calendar.

Mr. O'Ferrrall, of Virginia, from the committee on mines and mining, reported a

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Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, from the Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on appropriations, reported back the resolution offered by Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for detailed information relative to the recent policy of the department of purchasing bonds with surplus money, and to the present policy of depositing public funds in a large number of national banks. Adopted.

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Adopted. In the consideration morning hour Mr. Adams, of Illinois, called up and the House passed the bill to amend section 5200, Re-vised Statutes.

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[One of the provisions of section 5209 of the Revised Statutes declares guilty of a misdemeanor any president, director, cashier, teller, clerk, or agent of any national bank who makes any faise entry in any book, report, or statement of the association with intent to decelve any officer of the association or any agent appointed to examine into its affairs. It does not apply to the making of any such faise entry when made with intent to decelve the comproller of the currency. It appears that there is no provision of law to punish a bank examiner for making a faise entry in a report made by him to the comproller of the currency of or suppressing or concealing any material fact with intent to deceive that officer. The only effect of the passage of the bill will be to supply these omissions of the existing law. The change in the law is approved by the comptroller of the currency.]

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Mr. Henderson, of North Carolina, called up the bill to amend the internal revenue laws by abolishing the minimum punishment in internal revenue cases; by prohibiling the issuing of warrants upon information and belief except upon affidavits made by a collector or deputy collector or revenue agent, and by authorizing the commissioner of internal revenue to compromise any case under the internal revenue laws. Plassed.

Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, called up and the House passed the bill relative to the emolument returns of civil officers.

[It forbids the Attorney General from advancing or paying any moneys to marshals, district attorneys, or clerks who fall to render their returns as required by sec-

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THE PRESIDENT DINED

By the Secretary of War and Mrs. En dicatt.

til such returns are made and a valid excuse rendered for the delay.)

Mr. Collins, of Massachusetts, called up and the House passed a bill amending sections 5395 and 5396, Revised Statutes.

[These sections prescribe a death penalty for the unlawful casting away of a vessel on the high seas. The bill amends them by adding the following proviso: "Provided, that whenever the jury shall find as special facts that no loss of life, highry to the person, or peril or suffering to any person on such vessel ensued in consequence of such casting away or otherwise destroying, the person convicted of such offense may be sentenced to imprisonment for life or any number of years not less than three, or to a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or to both such imprisonment and fine."]

The morning hour expired while the bill to make bills of lading conclusive evidence in certain cases was under consideration. On motion of Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, a bill was passed for the appointment of eleven division superintendents of the railway mail service, at a salary of \$2,500 each. This is an increase of the superintendents over the number now authorized by law.

On motion of Mr. Peel, of Arkansas, a resolution was adopted setting apart Mar. 6.7, and 8 for the consideration of business reported from the committee on Indian affairs.

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ffairs. Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, asked unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill to relieve certain appointed or collsted men of the navy and marine corps from the harge of desertion. He stated that the bill had the unanimous

ndorsement of the committee on naval affairs and had been formulated by the judge advocate general of the navy. It merely applied to the naval service the same legislation which now applied to the army.

Mr. Cox. of New York, favored the bill, and thought it the philosophy of legislation for Congress to pass a general measure of this kind, and thus obviate the necessity for much individual legislation.

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The bill was then passed.
[It relieves from the charge of desertion such appointed or enlisted men in the naval service who can show upon satisfactory evidence that he served until the expiration of his term of enlistment or until the lat of May, 1805, or was prevented from completing his term of service by reason of wounds received or disease contracted in the line of duty, and who falled to be mustered out. When the charge of desertion is removed, such men, or in case of his death, his heirs shall receive all pay or bounty withheld on account of the charge of desertion. All applications for relief mider this act must be filed within five years after its passage.]

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Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill authorizing the President to appoint and retire Alfred Pleasanton as a brigadier general. Private calendar.

Mr. Warner, of Missouri, introduced, by request, a bill for the appointment of a commission on reform of orthography.

On motion of Mr. Taulbee, of Kentucky, a resolution was adopted calling for executive information as to what amounts of money are deemed to be necessary to pay the claims arising under the provisions of the Senate bill for the adjustment of accounts of laborers under the eight hour law.

The House then, at 3.30 o'clock, ad-

A CHICAGO DISCOVERY. An Enterprising Reporter Strikes a

Political Scoop.
CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The Mail to day pub-

ishes an article which declares that there has been in existence for several months a political secret society, whose avowed purpose is to control the Republican National Convention, and to prevent by any means the nomination of James G. Blaine for the presidency by that convention. The canpresidency by that convention. The candidate of the society for the presidential
nomination is Judge Walter Q. Gresham.

The Mail says: "It is not claimed that
that gentleman is aware of the existence,
the workings, or the purposes of the society,
but neither is it denied. It was only
through an ineautious sile of the tongue by
one of the members that a reporter for the
Mail learned of the existence of such an
organization and a very presistent applicaorganization and a very persistent applica-tion of the most approved methods of "pumping" developed the following facts regarding this American president-making society. The society has been in existence for some time and has been slowly perfecting its organization in all of the states. In the south and west, particularly where the

its organization in all of the states. In the sonth and west, particularly where the constituent of a low tariff may be the main issue of the coming campaign, the greatest amount of work has been done and the most estilisation results obtained. Throughout certain portions of the east this propagands has been preached to many converts, and it is asserted that the society now numbers thousands of selected men in all parts of the country—men who will obey orders, and who have either sworn or given their solemn word of honor never to reveal until the "proper time" the objects, the intentions, or the methods of the leaders. Onto has been one of the principal fields of labor of the organizers, and they say there is a "circle" or branch of the order in every county of the state. Illinois has been well worked also, and in more than forty countles the order has subordinate organizations, some of which have already sillinated with the main body, while others are waiting for the organizer, who passed through Chicago a few days ago, on his way to the work of initiating the new branches." The Mail further says: "The aim of the 'American order' is to defeat Mr. Blaine in the convention if possible, and if not then at the polls because his family professes the Catholic religion. This is the only reason assigned by them why Blaine should be defeated."

After explaining the method of securing members and those particularly sought for, the Mail concludes: "It is possible that this order may be another form of the 'American Order,' whose agents are doing their best to win members before the time comes

order may be another form of the 'American Order,' whose agents are doing their best to win members before the time comes for the election of delegates to the National Republican Convention,"

A number of leading Republicans were seen and questioned, but none of them had beard of the Gresham movement, but the Know Nothings' attack on Blaine has been hypoched to several of them. broached to several of them.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

A Residence Demolished and One Man

Killed. ANDERSON, IND , Feb. 7 .- The entire ont of the residence of T. M. Norton was blown out this morning by a natural gas explosion. The accident was caused by leakage in the main pipe. Fenton C. Rogers, of Cincinnati, who was at the house, was killed. Two daughters of Mrs. Norton, who were sleeping in the front room, had a narrow escape, as their room was demolished. They are uninjured.

STILL ON THE TRAMP, Some of the Prominent Peds Drop Out of the Race.

New Yorks, Feb. 7.—There was a fairly good attendance at Madison Square Garden to-day. The announcement was made that Cartwright, the Englishman, Horan, the man who Manaser Hall said he would back for \$10,000, and Hegelman left the track during the day. Stont, the Arabian who declared he would take no food during the week gave in to-day, and took some Hould refreshment. Hegelman is very iil with inflammation of the

howers.
The following is the score at midnight: Albert, 138; Connors, 174; Vint, 169; Sinciair, 169; Hart, 230; Fancian, 231; Herry, 231; Guerraro, 202; Sirossel, 25; Moore, 256; Noremac, 183; Cox, 163; Golden, 212; Goldins, 143; Tally, 155; Day, 201; Taylor, 169; Stout, 154; Smillyan, 162.

The success of the fair of Nelson Division, Knights of Pythias, still continues, and an-other large crowd was present last night to welcome Webster Lodge, Knights of Pythias, on their visit. The successful candidates for the articles on which voling closed last night were Enights of Pythias charms, first choice, O. D. Banby, 852% votes; second choice, Missadie Pennybaser, 400% votes; coftee mill, Estler, Brother & Co., 459 votes, coftee mill, Estler, Brother & Co., 459 votes, by special request the voling for the lady's god watch and scales will not close until Saturday.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Endleott entertained the President and a number of others at dinner yesterday. Mrs. Cleveland was unable to be present in consequence of the death of her uncle. The table decorations were most elegant. A central piece, in the shape of an ellipsis, of ferns and asparagus vines out of which rose a thick bed of pink and white tulips, was slanked by tall sliver candelobra, in which candles burned beneath pink and white shades. At either end of the toard were large stands of sliver for champagne, while mingled in between were small dishes of bonboos and confections, including peppermint drops. The President was sested next to Mrs. Endleot at one end of the table, opposite to whom were Secretary Endleott and Mrs. Ingalls. Others present were Secretary and Mrs. Fairchild, Postmaster General and Mrs. Dickinson, Speaker and Mrs. Carlisle, Secretary Bayard, Gev. and Mrs. Carloll, Senator Edmunds, Mrs. McPherson, Miss Bayard, Miss Endicott, and Mr. Wm. Endicott, ir.

The attractive home of the Mexican minister was thrown open yesterday to a large number of callers, who took advantage of this last opportunity to pay their respects to his lovely wife, who over extends a cordidal welcome to all, and many were the sincere regrets expressed that the occasion white tulips, was flanked by tall silver can-

cordial welcome to all, and many were the sincere regrets expressed that the occasion should be the closing one of her delightful weekly receptions, which have added so greatify to the season's enjoyment. Mailame Romero, as usual, received her guests just within the entrance of the main saloon. She wore a handsome gown of a delicate tint of brown faille, male with open work panels of velvet brocade over pale blue, and was assisted by Mrs. Menocat in a pretty toilet of lifec tulle, with front of Valencienes lace, which also trimmed the bigh corsage, and Mrs. N. S. Blanchard in a rich train gown of garnet velvet. In the bigh corsage, and Mrs. N. S. Blanchard in a rich train gown of garnet velvet. In the large dining hall beyond a bunstiful spread was presided over by Mrs. Willard Warren in white fallle with tuile, who dispensed delicious chocolate, and Miss Thompson at the opposite end of the table seated before the elegant wrought gold tes service, from which she poured the fragrant beverage. She wore a pretty costume of blue silk and net. They were ably assisted by an efficient corps of young ladies, among whom were Miss Philips in white tuile, with motre rilibons; Miss Patten, white rep silk, with gold braid; Miss Wheeler, white tuile, with spray of snow balls across the low corsage; Miss flosecrans, who was officiating at the side table, upon which was placed the famed Mexican punch, wore a becoming gown of soft nun's veiling, trimmed with lilae; Miss Mary Wilson, black silk and jet; Miss Annie Wilson, cherry color silk and net, and Mrs. Guthridge in white nun's veiling, with bodice ornamented with bands of gold braid. The hall your was filled. veiling, with bodice ornamented with bands of gold braid. The ball room was filled

veiling, with bodice ornameuted with bands of gold braid. The ball room was filled with a merry crowd of dancers, who thus whited away the pleasant hours. An unutially large number of prominent society people were present, many of whom lingered throughout the afternoon, notwithstanding the numerous teas of the day.

Mrs. Starring gave a most enjoyable tea last evening from 4 to 7 o'clock. She wore a handsome gown of brown brocade velvet with irridescent passementeries and ornaments of dead gold. She was assisted in receiving by Miss Madge Carter, of New York, in white lace and olive moire ribbons; Mrs. Washburn, pink silk and white point desprit, and Miss Mary Lawton, white China crepe embroidered in flowers, with iscket of black velvet trimmed with gold. In the dining room beyond, a delicious repast was served. The soft glow of an open wood lire mingied with the tempered lights from crimson shaded lamps in the art gailary so filled with treasurers from every cline made a most tempting retreat, and in the gallery at the north corner innumerable cozy little filtrations were in progress throughout the hours. Among those presents. broughout the hours. Among those pres t were the Misses Bayard, Mrs. Walker Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Fanny Barrow, Dr. Taylor, Mrs. Reid, the Misses Forbes, of New York; Mrs. Broadhead, and the Miss Royal, of Philadelphia: the Misses Baugher, of Baltimore; Mrs. A. A. Cole, Gen. Thomas, of Maine; Countries Feterhary, Mr. Dalaney Hunter, Mr. Washbarn, and Judge and Mrs. Meadenthur.

of Maine: Counters Fetchinzy, Mr. Dulancy Hunter, Mr. Wasbunn, and Judge and Mrs. MacArthur.

Mrs. Dablgreen will give a reception on Monday next to meet his exectionay Cardi-nat Gibbons.

Mrs. Senator Stewart, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Hooker, and several other ladies, will hold her last formal reception for this winter on Thursday, after which

she will receive informally on any day after The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bowen in their parlors at the Arlington yesterday afternoon was largely attended,

The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bowen in their parlors at the Arlington yesterday afternoon was largely attended, nearly all the prominent people in the city availing themselves of the opportunity to pay their respects to Mr. Bowen and his fair lady, and it was probably the largest reception they ever had. From 3 to 6 o'clock the stream of visitors was unceasing, and they met with a most cheering and they welcome. Mrs. Bowen was assisted in receiving and entertaining their guests by her daughler, Miss Grace Bowen, and Mrs. George Bullock. The parlors presented a very attractive appearance, potted plants failing the corners and window recesses, while cut flowers hid the mandels and scattered their sweet fragrance through the rooms. The refreshments were abundant, and furnished in the superior style the Arlington has for all it does in that direction. Among the many calling were noticed Mrs. Secretary Whitney and Miss Thompson, Mr. Justice Harlan, Senator and Mrs. Morrill, Miss Swan, Mr. James Morrill, Mrs. Senator Hoar, Senator and Mrs. Hawley, Senator Hoar, Senator and Mrs. Hawley, Senator Hoar, Senator Farwell, Mrs. John Hay, Gen. A. W. Greely, Mrs. Gen. Black, Miss Scott, Mrs. John A. Creswell, Miss Meintire, Judge C. D. Drake, Mrs. Westcott, Miss Cresson, Dr. and Mrs. Wr. A. Bartlett, Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, Hon. and Mrs. B. C. Pomeroy, Mrs. Allen, President Patten, Miss Fatten, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Baxter, Miss Kate Foote, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sponford, Mrs. S. C. A. Boutwell, Hon. and Mrs. C. Pomeroy, Mrs. Senetor, Judge E. Mrs. Senator and Mrs. Charles A. Russell, Hon. John W. Stewart, Mr. N. H. Egicatou, Mrs. C. H. Grosvenor, Misses Grosvenor, Judge Embry, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Colton, ex-Mayor and Mrs. Grace, Miss Grace, Capt. Warren C. Beach, Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Halliday, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Colton, ex-Mayor and Mrs. Grace, Miss Grace, Capt. Warren C. Beach, Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Halliday, Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, Miss Hatch, Misses Kimball, Mrs. Cunnibagham, Mr. E. F. Coneklie, and others.

Mrs. Theodore is unningham, Mr. E. F. Concklin, and

Mrs. Theodore is Wilson, of 1631 Sixbe is suffering from the effects of a severe Mrs. Austin P. Brown will receive next Mrs. Auslin P. Brown will receive next Friday at the Riggs House. Mrs. C. D. Willard, of Capitol Hill, will receive on Monday, Feb. 13, from 4 till 7 o'clock p. m., assisted by her daughters, Mrss Marshaul, of Virginia, and Miss Tur-pin, of Georgia; 239 South A street. Secretary and Mrs. Whitney entertained a large party at dimer last evening.

arge party at dinner last evening. Mrs. Spinola held a charming reception Mrs. Spinola held a charming reception in her ceasy parlor at the Arlington yesterday. In one corner of the room was a table ladened with dainties, salads, confectionery, sandwiches, and punch. Mrs. Spinola wore a rich gown of black silk, the hody of hellotrope embossed velvet. Miss Donglas, of Brooklyn, who is Mrs. Spinola a guest, wore black silk and passementeries Miss Coe was in black point desprit over black silk; Miss Tyson, scariet silk gauze, and Miss Whitford, white albatross cloth, trimmed with gold passementerie. These young ladles assisted the hostess in dispensing the hospitalities of the table to a pensing the hospitalities of the table to a large number of callers.

Lee had a largely attended reception

Anthropological Society. The Anthropological Society held theirilland gular meeting in the Assembly Hall of the semos Club last evening. Mr. John Muniock real an instructive essay on the "siberian origin of some Customs of the Western Status," and Mr. W. H. Hoimes a paper on ornamental Fabrics from the Graves of peri. These authority were thoroughly discussed by the members, and then his meeting adjustmed.

ROBBING UNCLE SAM'S MAIL

A DISHONEST MESSENGER FOUND IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

He Steals Mutilated Notes From Letters-They are Redeemed by the Teller-Decoys Bring About His Capture-Amount Stolen Not Yet Known.

dent that the mail of the United States Treasury Department was being tampered with, but there was difficulty experienced in locating the party guilty of committing the robbery. From the manner in which the mail is handled in the bureau of mails and files it required some time to reduce suspicions to a point where they would have some taugible ground to rest upon. While this was being attempted letters were arriving inquiring in regard to others that had been sent and why their arrival was not acknowledged. These letters generally contained mutilated notes forwarded for redemption and return of good money in the the place of that sent in, which is a custom that has long been in practice in the depart-

that has long been in practice in the department.

To detect the thief it was finally decided, as the thieving was being done through pifering the mail, to place the inster to the hands of the postofile inspectors, and this was done. Inspector Wm. B. Smith immediately went to work on the case and was assisted by James E. Hell, superfutendent of the letter carriers' of the city postofile. Through their efforts the range of the possible culprits was considerably contracted, and later suspicion polated toward Lewis Reeves, colored, assistant messenger, very strongly as being the guilty person. Having reached this point the man so surely there there could be no possible mistake in getting the right person. Decoy letters were resorted to as the safest and surest process of securing the requisite and surest process of securing the requisite

sind strest process of securing the requisite proof.

Six one dollar bills were taken, marked, and then examined by several persons in the bureau so that they could identify the money if ever presented to them again. Then this marked money was placed in three letters and put in the Treasury Department mail. Reeves brought the mail to the department and on examination all three of the letters were missing. Complaint sgainst the loss was made and the proposition advanced that every person in the room be searched. This was carried out until Reeves was reached. He said that he was unwell, suffering from cramps, and asked to be permitted to retire for a few minutes, but the request was not granted. On being searched the six marked one dollar bills were found in his pocket. Hadenied that the money was stolen and insisted that he was sinnocent.

He was asked where he obtained the money and told such an abourd story about it that not a person present afterward doubted his guilt. He stated that while on the street he had a \$5 bill he wished to get chanced, and seeing a man he did not know standing at the corner of New York avenue and Fifteenth atreet with some money has he had be asked that mu to change the

nd Fifteenth atreet with some money in is hand he asked that man to change the

his hand be asked that man to change the bill, which he did.
"But you got \$6 instead of \$5," said a clerk standing by.
"Yes, that is so," answered Reeves, "but he gave me a dollar for changing the bill." The story was too tough for any one in the room to swallow, and Reeves was convicted by that court.

A few minutes later Paying Teller James A. Sample came in, not knowing anything of Reeves's peculations or that he was an employe of the department. He recognized him as a man who had repeatedly brought small sums of mutilated currency to him to be redeemed, and supposed that he belonged ourside, as he always stated the belonged outside, as he always stated that some person sent him with the money to get it changed. It is not known what sum fleeves has cheated the government out of, but it is not thought that the amount is very heavy.

frauding the Government. George Bumbrey, a colored barber on G street, between Sixth and Seventh streets north west: 6. Thomas, a street sweeper living in Freeman, and R. Johnson, who works in a cal yard and lives on F street southwest, b tween Third and Four-and-a-half streets, had a hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner foundy on a charge of fraudulently endeavoring to secure a pension. The facts in the case appear to be that Rumbror, in 1883, has his right teg amputated below the knee at Garrield Hospital, in this city, and that on July 30, 1883, a pension claim was filed in the name of William Ford, late sergeant of company D, United States colored troops, and subsequently addates in support of the claim were filled in the name of John F. Thomas, representing himself of company L, of same regiment, and Richard Johnson, of company D, of same regiment. ween Third and Four-and-a-half streets, had

recreaming numeri of company 1, of same regiment, and Richard Johnson, of company D, of same regiment.

The case was investigated by Special Agent Jacobs, of the pension office, who found that the real Wm. Ford was living in Florida, and reported the claim as fraudulent. Detectives wheeler and Mattingly arrested all the parties and brought them before the commissioner. Mr. Jacobs stated the papers showed that Bumbrey claimed to be the identical Scrat. Ford named in the claim: that he had lost his leg by reason of a shell wound received at the battle of Natural Bridge and had to have it ampointed. Bumbrey has acknowledged that he was not the Wm. Ford referred to, but was persuaded to represent him by a white man.

Coumissioner Bundy, after hearing further testimony, fixed the bail of Bumbrey at \$1,000 and the others at \$500 cach, and they were consulted to Jail to await action by the grand July.

Alexandria Matters.
Last evening saw the beginning of the coneccrate bazar, under the ausoloes of the actes of the city, many of whom are the wives

and daughters of confederate sodiers. The basar is for the purpose of raising funds to erect a monument to the confederate dead in-terred in this city. The armory of the Alexterred in this city. The armory of the Alexandria Light infantry has been kindly loaned for the purpose and the ladios having the affair in charge have so completely covered the interior with booths and bunting that it would impress one at first glance as if awakening from a dream only to find himself surrounded by a "bey of beautiful young latter ne harming array." Suspended between the north and south waits of the building are the words "Alexandria Does Honor to Her Dead," and conspicuous in different parts of the haif sie portraits of R. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, All of the booths have been tastefully and gorgeously address in the state of the haif and gorgeously address in the properties to their representation. Among the most tasteful and conspicuous for the parts of the hair selection and conspicuous for the January. April, and Sentember booths, which deserves see that mention for their attractivenes. The lar will continue for a week or ten days, with a change of programme of entertainment each centing.

caling.

Commonwealth Attacney Marbury Called on Treasurer Harlow yesterday for a list of parties who tendered contons in payment state taxes for the years less and less, for a purpose of entering suit against them ribwith Mr. Marbury is entitled to a tee of our each case, which will not him quite a is, Margaret McKnight, widow of Wm. D. Cright, died at her home, in south St. bi street, at an early hour yesterlay moral in the oth year of hor age.

special meeting of the city council was it last evening to consider the advisability efficients the legislature to amen; the charter in reference to the manner of coling street improvement larges. After some catscussion the amendment as proposed he committee on streets was adopted and committee on streets was adopted and committee to be sent to our representatives at bound.

It Is a Great Success.

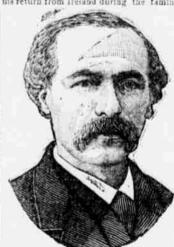
4.5. course of Frof. Houpt in his become, in Masonic Temple, F and Ninhi streets, is was not a little surprise occasioned at evening lecture when Mr. John E. Wright, it of the Bailimore and Ohio, who last an ions he professor's course, volunteered one before the abilitace and engage with e-mans present in a fluent conversation free minutes with the case of a German can be asserted he had acquired his knowled of German in five weeks the Germans e no less surprised than the rest of the anserted.

dience "ciligrent oublic is invited to attend to day at the hours of 1972 s. tn., \$15 and s.p., ii. and others can aga for the course of les-con now bed 7410;

JAMES REDPARTS.

The Well-Known Lecturer and Jour

James Redpath, journalist, correspondent, and lecturer, is not an Irishman either birth or descent, but is widely known in both the United States and Ireland as the adopted Irishman," a sobriquet o him by his enthusiastic Irish friends after als return from Ireland during the famine



year of 1-70 80, when, as special correspondent, he sent over a series of inters decemping of the distress in the west of freisnol. These by their vivil presentation of the abject misery of the neasants and their aroent denunciations of the exactions of the abject misery of the neasants and their aroent denunciations, made his name a household word in every irish home throughout Christendern, and added more than \$100,000 to the famine relief fund. Mr. Redpath has been prominently before the American public for more than thirty years. He made a national reputation as special correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat at the opening of the Kaissas trouble, during which he took a conspicuous part in the free state movement. Subsequently, by his anti-slavery writings in the prominent journals of New York and Boston, and by his frequent and reputation of the poor: by his his of John Brown and other works; by his participation in the various movements for the elevation of the poor: by his frequent and zealous activity in positical discussion, Mr. Redpath has made his influence widely felt. He is between 50 and 60 years of age. In person Mr. Redpath was, in his active days, a small, why man, quick and energetle in his movements.

THE NATIONAL OPERA.

"Faust" at the National Theater. "Faust" at the National Theater, was packed to the doors last night with a distinguished audience. The opera was "Faust," given in its entherty by the National Opera Company, and the general verdict was that it was the finest performance of Gounou's inmortal opera ever given in Washington. The two performances diready given by the National Opera Company are sufficient to stamp that organization as a satisfic institution of the highest order. It is gratifying to note that the National Opera season is receiving fiberal support in Washington, and from last night's audience. It was easy to see that this weak "National Opera" is the fashion, The performance last night was perfection both in the singing of the principal artists and in the combined work of the whole organization. The cast was astrong one. Emma Juch, has been heard here before as Marguerite and it is only necessary to note that her voice is richer and stronger in voitine than ever and that she is pre-eminently the best Marguerite on the operate stage of this country. Miss dien was manyert voice last night and her sympathetic and beautiful tendering of the part of Marguerite with the stage of this country. Miss dien was manyer worked the audience to a nigh pinh of ceillussian. In a musical senie for enformance was the refrequent of work lettlingent and thoroughly inconventional. A tenure of the performance, as for a popular interest is concerned, was the first appearance in Washington of the farmors Englished himself in the favor of the andiers of the entire theory is called the order of the performance with a line compass and exception and helliance in the notes above the such the latter with the compass and exception and effective man. Series of the order in which is the last whole is a series of the performance with a most sensition at the archive or a call in the favor of the andient of the andient of the surface of the performance as favor in the last who as a series of the surface of the performance as favor of the andient of the surface and the s The New National Theater was packed to

manner in which he attanced the slot alto alt the end of the alt known "Saive di Mora, and the elective in her in which I was subalized, brough verifialle sterio of a phare. Mr. Merice is probably the best is skinn Facts that been seen on the operate stage here artispended physique added in a little to the trattiveness of his performance. Will Ludwig is unquestionably the protest is ponent of the character of Menhices in a country, and he made one of the print partices of last right sperformance. He was it o voice, and, dimmatically, his representance of Menhices in a context and dimmatically in representance and disparations of the alternative of any strength of the probably Alona. Stard's greatest character, and he a made a complete success in the last night. Amands Fabris, who a beautiful seprano voice, made a petty playant Sebel, and the minor characters well given by Joseph Silvars and Agnes.

a beautiful sopiano voice, made a pretty and biquant siebel, and the minor characters were well given by Joseph Silvers and Arnes Perring. The chords and orchestra did superhied to the chord and orchestra did superhied with a premise and the opera was discreted with rate laste by Gustav Hunter. The bacchanal but it after fourth act made a decided hit the premiere disnesses. Mile, Franchi, creating quite a future in an intrinsta and observity executed but seen. The scenery costimes, and other appointments were rich and effective.

"Gustav or Situal" rostom.

The first operation overly of the season of curs to night in the production of Goldonar's a samoil sequenced in a succession of gozgeous pageants and inbleaux. Bertha Pierson who had success as Elizabeth in Tanahalise, will be heard as Lulamuth and Glara Poole with the heard here for the first time as the Gustavith here for Arsad, which is said to be one of his greatest roles. The Cast also includes Frank Vetta, as the High Priest. Alonar Stoddard, as Kung Solomon, and Annuala Fabrix, as Assaroth Tare will be another large and fashionable andience to night.

MOUNT VERNON AVENUE.

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Action Upon the Charter. At a called meeting of the city council of Alexandria, held last evening, the following esolution was offered in the board of alder

resolution was odered in the board of adermien by Abberman Agnews.

The irreduced by the Regard of Abberman real framen former. That the Hon. I. W. Carbett, our member in the house of delegates, by the our member in the house of delegates, by the dop bin to the Mount Vermon Avenue Association charter and to secure its passage by the house as originally passed by the same for the resolution passed the Syard of a fermen by a velo of the 2 and the comman council by accumulation. This will in all probability secure the passage of the bill as presented as it is estated that Mr. Cornell has pleaked into stand by the action of the only council.

The Stoddard Lectures.

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A remarkably rood anticute listened with undagging interest to Mr. Stoddard as he took them on a journey through "annuy Spain" lest under the room "annuy Spain" lest under the work with which as letting is intermed are of the most artistic description, and he whole embertainment was thoroughly enough. To entain a less same place-orgalized spain Churchas the Section will describe the Congregations to three the sections will describe the Congregation of the section will describe and attractionness of all the Congregations and attractionness of all the Congregations and accompany to the extremely their sline hospitality are said to the other confidence.

Ether Henerit.

Its kind permission of Manager Charles E. is necessarily of the principal same artists of a National Opera Company will appear at to see penett. Albaudo's Grand Opera House, Thirsday, 100. 9. communicing at 120 clock. Set hours of the best entertainment ever of ficel to the Vaschington public. How sheet at this year as well as the Weather.

The Weather.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware, and Maryland-Threatening weather and rain or snow, followed by colder, fair weather, light resh winds, shifting to northwesterly. Thermometer readings: 7 s. m., \$195; S p. m. 57,0% 10 p. m., 85,0% mean temperature, 55,0% maximum, 87,0% minimum, 82,0% mean relative biumidity, 25,0% total proofestation.

WOODLEY LANE BRIDGE

DENOUNCED AS A SCHEME IN THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Present Structure Considered Good Enough-Commissioners' Assessment Plan Not Acceptable-Better School Facilities Wanted-A Committee to Go Before Congress.

The Citizen's Committee met last micht et Grand Army Hall, Mr. Reginald Foodal president, and Mr. Lawrence Gardner serre

president, said Mr. Lawrence Cardiner serve tary, occupied their regular weats.

Mr. Morsell, of the committee on taration and assessment, submitted his report. It allieded to the system now in vapie. The system, it was held, was unaited, and the community lost the benefits of increased valuation of property. The report blowed the different assessments that had been enforced. The animal assessment system proposed by the commissioners, its thought, would be found objectionable, as one assessment would hardly be made before another became due. If anything, the present system would be better than the one ingested. The set of 151, provided for twenty-two assessment and that number would be sufficient. The committee religious of the sufficient of the normality of the commended that it would be number to change the triennial system, and recommend: I the establishment of a board of appeals. Another report was submitted objecting to the reasons allowed by the collector of target for arrears. The report advocated the place of semi-animal payments of target.

Mr. Milleri moved that the reports be printed and the over for fature action.

Mr. Wilson said that a bill would be said.

cen, Pelham moved that the reports a arrest on.

Mr. Wilson said that a bill would be synt framed carrying out these points.

It was then agreed to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

A resolution was adopted that the school committee wait on Congress and ass for the chools.

Mr. Mullett, from the committee on public buildings, recommended.

1. That he site for the new District buildings recommended.

3. That he site for the new District buildings one worthy of the District.

Mr. W. C. Dodge submitted a report adopted by Association No. 3.

Also a resolution asking for a sufficient appropriation to build in the necessary according to the submitted by the District.

Mr. Worself submitted the following rewintion, objecting to the construction of a bridge at Woodley Lane:

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"Whereas a bill is pending in Congress appropriation the sum of \$1.000 for the constituction of a bridge across Rook creek on Woodley Lane road, and Whereas there is now an excellent bridge spanning the creek at that point and this the revenues of the District are required to meet necessary expenditures; therefore by it Positrot, by the Citizens' hepresentative Committee of One Hundred, That it would be a waste of the public money to apply it to the erection of such a structure at the presentation. Mr. J. O. Wilson thought that the body ought not take hasty action in the matter.

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Mr. Bodge said that a good bridge was at that point now, and he did not favor putting up a bridge light up in the air.
Mr. Lehman thought that it was a jule of the first water, and was only intended to benefit a syndicate. The resolution was adouted, and the following were appointed by file chair to fill vacancies, as follows: Committee on schools, br. R. B. Danaldson light, A. Archer: street railroads, J. T. Petty; public reservations and parks, J. W. Backer, public buildings and grounds, also roads and bridges. Dr. Charles Allen: public charities, Heary Rose. Splendid Production of Gonnod's

The meeting then adjourned. COMPANY D'S REUNION.

An Event Long to be Remembered by

the Participants. The annual reunion and banquet of company D. Washington Light Infantry corps, took place fast evening at the American Rouse and was largely attended. Special interest strached to this regulon owing to the fact that sitached to this remaion owing to the fact that pressure is being brought upon the ex-members of that company to re-enlist, and they were especially invited to be present. About twenty-due of the old times accepted the invitation and joined in the feast and good time. The committee in charge was composed of Seat, Wise, Corp. Mcthissin, and Privates Merrid, Lee, and Routines, and the transactements were complete. Mine host Duffy per senally supervised the trebarations for the smally supervised the trebarations for the The teast. To our departed dead, was dram standing and in stience. Afterwhich Ann. I lang Study was dring by the company. A 1120 o'clock the remainst eame to as end and all departed feeling contented with themselves and all manking.

The Old Guard. The Old Guard.

The regular munity meeting of the Old Guard, Union Vetoran Corps, was held last evening at their atmory, Guand Army Hall, Pennsylvania avenue. The regular of guartermater Burger was submitted, giving a detailed slatement of all property of the corps. The baars and fair of the 6t. A. B. being underconsideration if was unsminously decided to detaile one article for such disposition as the committee may decide upon. M. B. Bulkley and James S. Wyckelf were elected active members, and John V. Stoddard an honorary member.

Virginia Republicans The Virginia Republicana,
The Virginia Republican Association head
its regular meeting at its quarters last might
(R. L. Singleton chairman and R. J. Shetida
secretary.) Arrangements were perfected for
the second annual beautiet, which will be
given on the 18th of April next.

GES, SHERIDAN has returned to the city.

SENATOR BEACKBURN Is much better, but has BOLLETTON McCowe is continued to his residence with a cold. BD, R. Locke (Petroleum V. Nasby), who has

been seriously ill, is recovering.

Conguessian Gay, of Louisiana, is recovering from the fall he had last Saturday. JUSTICE JAMES has escaped an attack of the pneumonia, and will so to the court house to-

S. W. Jackson, of the quartermaster general's flice, is recovering from the fall which he received about a week ago. District Junes Haven and Mr. Tillson, & well-known Nebraska law, er, both of Nearney.

Net, are stopping at the Riggs House.

Mm. James Wood, a messenger at the senate, has been very ill at his residence, 2. Fitta street mortheast and is improving slowly. As excussion party numbering over aixty

ladies and gentlemen from Jersey City are sight-seeing in the city. They are stopping at Willistit's. ATTORNEY GREEN, of the Burlington and Missouri Ra Irond Company, and General Manager George W. Holdredge of the same road,

are in the city. REPRESENTATIVE BUDGERICH BUTLUR, of Tennessee, who has been quite ill at his home. 50) Thirteenth street, is much better and with

cost in a few slays. Title President has been compelled to decline an invitation to attend the dinner to be given in New York on Thursday evening next in honor of ex-Gov. Thiden for the reason that he has arranged to give a reception to the army

and navy on that evening. A production of twenty-live prominent less ness men of Chester, Pa, are at the Riggs house. They will appear no force the Higgs committee on public buildings and grounds to-day for the purpose of securing a favorance re-port on the proposed federal building as Chester.

sons after it was learned that Sevellon A. Brown had resigned the post of chief clerk of the Department of State he received several offers of locative places, any one of which would have given an income considerably larger than that received from the government, the has, however, preferred to enter brainess for himself, and has consequently become partner in the well-known real enter firm of loan E, Boatt Co. The firm hereafter will be known as Boatl. Brown & Co. and with the induced and popularity brought to it by the new acquisition continued and increased surcoss is assured.